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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The Abstract has been amended as follows. A clean copy of the Abstract is also submitted per separate sheet.

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method for removing material from a three-dimensional surface (4) of any shape in a multi-layered manner by means of a material removing agent (9) such as a laser that acts in points on a surface, whereby. According to said method, a surface structure (2)-is removed from the three-dimensional surface (1), the surface is approximated by a polygon network, and raster images are associated with the polygons (10) of the polygon network (18). Said polygons are and projected onto the machining region (1)) of the material removing means agent wherein a A series of superimposed polygon networks being associated with a layer of material, each of the polygon networks being associated with a layer of material is removed, if the information stored on the projected raster image indicates the planned removal of material such that [.] The use of polygon networks (18) for removing material in a multi-layered manner ensures a very precise removal of material from a surface structure (2) of any shape, thus creating a highly precise three-dimensional surface structure.